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To the

Society of Relig. Inqu.
of Princeton Theol. Sem.

Dear Brethren.

In behalf of
Brainard Evangel. Soc. I take this
opportunity of continuing our
correspondence. It should have
been done sooner, but fearing
aware of your vacation, it was
postponed. Your kind letter was
duly received, & read in Society with
interest. And we rejoice brethren
in the privilege of holding intercourse
with one of different sister societies.
Truly it may be made a source of
interest & profit. What can be more

pleasing, and more indicative of true piety, than to see brethren sympathizing with, loving & encouraging each other! And why should we not thus treat each other, since we are all loving & worshiping the same God, have the same ends in view, and strive for the same Heaven! We were glad to hear of your success of Students, your prosperity &c. How pleasing to think of the vast numbers of young men collected in our Seminaries and Institutions of learning, to acquire knowledge, that great instrument of a Nation's power! And especially that there are so many Soldiers of the Cross, continually preparing to fight the battles of the Lord! And yet brethren, when we change the scene, and take a glimpse at the prevalence of wickedness in our own land, and the vast numbers

who are still living in Heathenish
darkness, idolatry & superstition, our
hearts may well be ready to sink
within us, and we to exclaim, who
are able for these things! Yes but even if
the number of pious young men in
our land were increased ten fold, they
would still be extremely sparse, in comp-
arison with what are needed. But when
the work is to be done, the battles to be
fought, and the victories to be won, why
should we stand lamenting our want of
strength & scarcity of men? The Host of
the enemy are continually advancing &
encroaching upon us. Let us then buckle
on our armour, and resolve
that we will stand firm at our
posts until death sounds the retreat.
Let us each one for himself, earnestly
inquire, Lord what wilt thou have me
to do"? And then go forward in whatever

way Providence directs, let us go forward
and be faithful in the cause of this.
We know there are some of our number
at least, who are willing to forth as Heralds
of the cross among the Heathen. O that the
Lord would incline the hearts of many
go and carry the bread of life, to those who
have yet never heard of a Savior!
But alas! how little the church is doing
in this great work, to what she might
O that the Lord would arouse her up to
a sense of duty!
Our College is in its usual state of prosperity
Our society although not as interesting, as
we could desire, yet we think is truly
beneficial. Religion is in a low state, more
indeed has been too much the case for some
years back. At our late communion seven
(two men ten came out for the first time
on the Lords side. To God be the praise!
Asking an interest in your prayers & hoping to
hear from you again soon, we remain,
Yours in christian love. J. B. Condit Cor. Sec.